

South Cambridgeshire District Council
Record of Executive Decision

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Lead Cabinet Member	Lead Cabinet member for Resources
Subject Matter	Service Support Grants Review
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Date Taken	Friday, 5 August 2022
Contact Officer	Cecilia Murphy-Roads, Project Officer (cecilia.murphy-roads@scambs.gov.uk)
Date Published	Friday, 5 August 2022
Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in	Friday, 12 August 2022
Key Decision?	Yes
In Forward Plan?	No
Urgent?	No

Purpose / Background	
On 29 July 2022 Grants Advisory Committee met to consider amendments to the Service Support Grant 2023-26, proposed as follows:	
1.	A recommendation of an adjustment to the funds available that reflects average inflation rates over the last five years. This results in an increase in funds available from £151,610 to £167,400.
2.	To revise the number of themes within the scheme from eight to six with indicative funding amounts as per the list below:
	Mental Health and Wellbeing £24,000 Advice Services £100,000 Independent Living £22,000 Support for the VCS £11,400

Arts, Culture and Heritage	£10,000
Total £167,400	

3. That the guidance notes and criteria have been updated to reflect these thematic changes, the key updates to note are:
 - a. Mental Health and Wellbeing - applications from children and young people's organisations are welcome, based on outcomes and learning from the Children & Young People's grant funding pilot that is running from January-December 2022.
 - b. Independent Living – applications are welcome from those whose objective it is to promote the independence, and reduce the isolation, of the District's vulnerable residents. This theme includes community transport.
 - c. Arts, Culture and Heritage is a new theme.
 - d. A new requirement that all funded organisations endeavour to join Cambridgeshire Council for Voluntary Service – a support organisation for the VCS in Cambridgeshire.

Declaration(s) of Interest

Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision.

None.

Dispensation(s)

In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.

None.

Consultation

Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.

Lead Cabinet Member for Resources, Lead Cabinet Member for Communities and the Chair of Grants Advisory Committee were consulted in preliminary meetings and all members of the committee were invited to comment at a workshop prior to the consideration of the report by Grants Advisory Committee.

Leadership Team have also been briefed and are in support.

Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection

The Committee was asked to consider the options below and then make recommendations to the lead member for finance accordingly.

Option 1. Note the contents of the paper and make a recommendation to the Lead Member for Finance to agree the proposed changes to the SSG scheme as presented; or

Option 2. Note the contents of the paper and make a recommendation/s to the Lead Member for Finance to agree the changes with revisions, giving details.

The Committee recommended Option 1.

Final decision	Reason(s)
To accept the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee (see above).	The report and proposed revisions were considered in detail by the Grants Advisory Committee and there is sufficient budget available.

Signed	Name (CAPITALS)	Signature	Date

Lead Cabinet Member	Signed copy available upon request from Democratic Services (democratic.services@scambs.gov.uk)
Chief Officer	

Further Information

Officers should ensure the applications show a percentage of the funding pot applied for when presenting the grant applications scores to Grants Advisory Committee for decision.

All changes to take effect for the new 2023-2026 scheme, whose bidding round opens on 5 September 2022. September bidding provides voluntary and community sector organisations 12 weeks notice as per the good practice guidance.